

The Bill will not define socio-economic disadvantage, but is likely to be interpreted as parental occupation in unskilled work, lack of employment, or residence in areas identified as poor by the official Indices of Deprivation. It could lead to an industry of social inequality audits nationally and locally. It will certainly lead to the suggestion that government procurement and investment should lead to lower income inequalities, whether through reduced mega-pensions to bankers, or through raised wages for cleaners.

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## **From the Troika**

This brief update is to inform RadStats readers who the new Troika are & of our recent activities. The Troika are: Eileen Magnello, Ludi Simpson & Lee Williamson. The RadStats Troika is traditionally 4 members, therefore, if anyone is interested in being nominated for the other Troika post please get in touch.

In a bid to be a more active Troika this year we have moved to frequent Skype conference calls, rather than trying to meet up infrequently in person, given we live far apart & this is working out fine. To date we have started planning the Radical Statistics group's annual conference. It is proposed that the overall theme will be 'Whose statistics?', encapsulating RadStats concerns as outlined in [www.radstats.org.uk/about.htm](http://www.radstats.org.uk/about.htm) & to give advanced warning the RadStats conference is to be held in Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ on Saturday 27th February 2010. While the programme for the conference is underway, if you have any burning suggestions for speakers, if you could let us know by the end of August at the latest this would be great.

The Troika are also looking into expanding the RadStats membership base & in a marketing exercise have contacted various journals. We are also keen for current members to help us with this - if you happen to be going to a talk, conference or workshop please drop us an email and we will organise for some promotional RadStats membership leaflets to be posted out for you to take along. Finally, if you have any suggestions on recruiting new members please get in touch.

Thanks

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